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A. **Suspension – Awaiting New Reference.** Interference Specialists Anthony Caputa, Cecilia Tsang, and/or Michael Woodward must be consulted for the approval to suspend action based on a reference relevant to examination becoming available.

Application No. as Potential Reference: 08469637

Status of Application: as of 10/30/2002 the case is in 71 status (EOSP) TO CLOSE THE A/R RECORD AND RESET THE STATUS FOR EXPIRED SUSPENSIONS.

Interference Specialist Approval for Suspension: ANTHONY C. CAPUTA
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER
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Interfering Party Application No.: _____

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